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**CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

State Capitol, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA

Minutes of Meeting  
January 8, 2009

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Michele Burton, M.P.H.  
Wilma Chan  
Daniel Eaton  
Marvin Kropke  
Nancy McFadden

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Vicki Marti

**CMAC STAFF PRESENT**

J. Keith Berger, Executive Director  
Tacia Carroll  
Paul Cerles  
Nathan Davis  
Denise DeTrano  
Holland Golec  
Mark Klobberdanz  
Katie Knudson  
Jenny Morgan  
Becky Swol  
Mike Tagupa  
Mervin Tamai  
Karen Thalhammer

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cathy Halverson, Department of Health Care Services  
Randy Ward, Department of Finance

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT****I. Call to Order**

The January 8, 2009 open session meeting of the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC) was called to order by Commissioner McFadden, who on behalf of the Commissioners, wished everyone a happy new year. A quorum was present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The December 11, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as prepared by CMAC staff.

### **III. Executive Director's Report**

J. Keith Berger, Executive Director, welcomed the Commissioners back and he said that he hoped everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season.

Unfortunately, Mr. Berger noted, the first item he had to report was that CMAC's Chair, Cathie Bennett Warner, has resigned her appointment to CMAC. Mr. Berger said that it was sad news for CMAC, but this decision was made in order to pursue some new and exciting challenges in her career. Chair Bennett Warner has brought a strong commitment and a lot of energy to CMAC over the last four years and she will be missed.

Mr. Berger stated that Chair Bennett Warner had asked that he extend her apologies that her new schedule did not allow her to be at today's meeting to say goodbye in person. She also asked Mr. Berger to express her appreciation and thanks to the CMAC Commissioners and staff, and the staffs at the Department of Health Care Services and Department of Finance for all of their hard work, and to tell them it was a wonderful opportunity and experience for her to work with them.

As CMAC begins making the transition, Mr. Berger thanked Commissioner McFadden for her willingness to step in and chair today's meeting.

Mr. Berger indicated that the Governor's Budget was to be released tomorrow, and he asked Mr. Ward, DOF, if he had any updates that he could share on the status of the budget discussions and the special session.

Mr. Ward informed CMAC that he is not able to discuss the budget before it is released in its complete form, which, as Mr. Berger indicated, is scheduled for tomorrow. Mr. Ward said that he would provide a detailed report on the budget at the January 22, 2009 CMAC meeting.

Mr. Berger noted that there were five contracts and amendments before the Commissioners for review and action in closed session, as well as continuing discussions and updates regarding current negotiations and negotiation strategies.

### **IV. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report**

Cathy Halverson, DHCS, informed CMAC that she had nothing new to report.

**V. New Business/Public Comments/Adjournment**

There being no new business and no comments from the public, Commissioner McFadden recessed the open session. Commissioner McFadden opened the closed session and, after closed session items were addressed, adjourned the closed session, at which time the Commission reconvened in open session. Commissioner McFadden announced that the Commission had taken action on hospital contracts and amendments in closed session. The open session was then adjourned.